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1. Use of the single-track line between Vacha and Lotzlar, running for about 17 kilometers along the Thuringian boundary, has been discontinued. In the same area, another single-track stretch of 19 kilometers between Oechsen and Weimartast has been discontinued. As of 1 June, no dismantling of these lines had begun. The seven kilometer stretch from Gerstungen to the border of Thuringia at Dankershausen has been closed to passenger traffic.
2. Work on the proposed new 70,000,000 DM East right-of-way between Löwenborn and Eberswalde has not progressed beyond the surveying and test boring stage. Both money and materials are lacking.
3. A new double-track Berlin S-Bahn line to run between Birknerwerder and Marow via Mühlensee in an East-East direction has been proposed. The purpose is to permit passenger traffic to flow between Gräfenburg and East Berlin without touching the French Sector of Berlin as it now must. Surveying for the new line is reported already under way.
4. A new Reichsbahn construction division has been established in Berlin at 10 Unter den Linden. This division is responsible directly to Reichsbahn General Headquarters. It is shortly to employ 1,200 workers who will be taken from the several Reichsbahn repair shops. Thus R. Tenzelhof will have to supply 100 workers. Construction train gangs are being organized to carry out right-of-way improvements and bridge construction throughout the Soviet Zone. It is planned to model the construction division in general after the former Nazi Organisation Todt.
5. The Reichsbahn roundhouses located at Gerstungen and Vacha near the Hesse-Thuringia border have been shut down. Equipment and machines are being dismantled and removed to shops in Eisenach and Weimarer.
6. At the railway yards in Dresden-Alttadt, Dresden-Gustadt and Dresden-Friedrichstadt 120 new, six-axle, 60 ton, 2 1/2 flatcars were stored recently. These were delivered by the LDM works.

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7. In Oerlitz the LOM works is badly handicapped by a critical shortage of certain raw materials. Of 3,000 employees, 600 have been laid off for an indefinite period with 80 percent of their salary. Five hundred more will be laid off soon to take a so-called harvest vacation unless needed materials arrive in the next few weeks.

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